



**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

275 East Main Street, 5W-A
Frankfort, KY 40621
502-564-7042
502-564-7091
www.chfs.ky.gov

Audrey Tayse Haynes
Secretary

Contract Correspondence Transmittal (CCT)

CCT Number: 16-11	Date of Issue: December 7, 2016
Issuance: Division of Protection and Permanency, Assistant Director-Gretchen Marshall	
Key Words/Phrases: SAFESPACE implementation	
Attachments/Forms:	

The purpose of this transmittal is the update PCC and PCP staff on the status of Project SAFESPACE. SAFESPACE is revolutionizing the state’s response to behavioral health needs of children in out-of-home care through standardized screening and assessment, enhanced evidenced-based practice, and stronger integration of needs and progress into case planning and progress monitoring. In doing so, SAFESPACE ensures that providers and foster parents have greater child specific information within fifteen (15) days of placement, that all eligible children receive a functional assessment-building on the current clinical assessment-and that DCBS workers have an enhanced understanding of child functioning for the purpose of case planning and decision making. At a system level, data collection around screening and assessment elements ensure DCBS and providers are better informed about the service needs of Kentucky’s out-of-home care population in order to build capacity to serve them effectively.

As described in the initial transmittal regarding this project, SAFESPACE is a statewide initiative with a staged implementation timeline. Implementation is currently underway in three (3) regions (Northeastern, Salt River Trail and partial implementation in Southern Bluegrass). The Jefferson, Cumberland, Two Rivers and The Lakes service regions will be added in before October 2017. Eastern Mountain and Northern Bluegrass have been selected as comparison regions for purposes of evaluation and therefore will not be added until 2018. Below is an outline of DCBS and provider expectations and supports during initial implementation.

All PCCs/PCPs with foster homes in implementation regions may expect the following from DCBS staff:

- Completed 886A;
- Continued completion of agency intake forms;
- Standardized screeners within fifteen (15) days of entry; and
- A copy of the completed CBCL prior to placement for children placed in residential facilities.



All PCCs/PCPs with foster homes in the implementation regions will be charged with ensuring the following:

- Completion of the CBCL within fifteen (15) of days for purposes of continuing established base line data with CRP;
- Completion of the KY CANS including the CANS Assessment Report, by entering it into the CANS web-based application (KIDnet) within thirty (30) days of receiving the screener;
- PCCs/PCPs are to refrain from use of the KY CANS for children in homes inside the comparison regions (Eastern Mountain and Northern Bluegrass). Doing so will ensure fidelity to the program evaluation and enable adjustment of the process based on lessons learned during implementation;
- PCCs/PCPs will participate in clinical consultation, with project team consultants, to ensure fidelity, inter-rater reliability and use of the CANS for treatment selection and planning; and
- Co-facilitation of CANS training with SAFESPACE clinical consultants using a Praed Foundation approved curriculum.

The following supports will be available to providers to assist with initial implementation:

- Opportunity to provide feedback on assessment areas for the KY CANS;
- A set number of certifications in KY CANS for clinicians and trainers paid for by the project. Additional clinician certifications may be obtained at the discretion and cost of the agency;
- Travel reimbursement for training;
- Access to a clinical consultant;
- Monthly implementation meetings, which include opportunities to troubleshoot and collaborate on what is working in different areas and agencies; and
- Access to the CANS web-based application (KIDnet) for all children beyond the out of home care population.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact via email, Gretchen.Marshall@ky.gov or by telephone at (502) 564-6852, ext. 3606.